out of above, for the purpose of various schemes for the quake-affected areas of Kutch;

(c) the total amount released by Kandla Port trust as an immediate relief measure upto 13th February, 2001; and

(d) whether Government have issued any standing directions to release the aid with immediate effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The reserve and surplus fund with Kandla Port Trust as on 31.3.2000 is Rs. 1115.67 crores.

(b) and (c) Kandla Port, which is one of the earthquake affected areas of the Kutch Divisions, sustained damages to the tune of Rs. 51 crores. The repairs/restoration of the damages to the Port would be carried out from the reserves available with the Kandla Port Trust. So far, an amount of Rs. 51 lakhs has been spent on immediate relief measures.

(d) Kandla Port Trust has formed a Trust to undertake relief and restoration works in earthquake affected Kandla, Gandhidham and Adipur areas. Various Port Trusts, including Kandla Port Trust, public sector companies under Ministry of Shipping and users of the Ports are expected to contribute funds to the Trust.

Development of Inland Waterways in the Country

2463. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Inland Waterways has developed and regulated some waterways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether navigation has started in all these waterways;

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(e) the position as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Following three waterways have been declared as National Waterways:—

(i) The Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River system from Haldia to Allahabad (1620 kms) as National Waterway No. 1;
(ii) The Brahmaputra from Sadiya to Dhubri (891 kms) as National Waterway No. 2; and
(iii) The West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam alongwith Champakara and Udyogmandal canals (205 kms) as National Waterway No. 3.

The infrastructure facilities like navigational channel, terminals and navigational aids are being developed on these waterways subject to availability of resources.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) No. 1 National Waterway : Depth of 2 meter is maintained in the stretches from Haldia-Farakka (560 kms) and Farakka to Patna (420 km) for round the year operation and for about 330 days in a year respectively and the same is considered sufficient for navigation of vessels upto 1.8 m draft.

National Waterway No. 2 : Depth of 2 m is maintained in the stretches from Dhubri to Pandu and Pandu to Neamati for round the year operation and for about 330 days in a year respectively whereas depth of 1.5m is maintained between Neamati and Sadiya for about 270 days a year.

National Waterway No. 3 : Depth of 2 m is maintained in Champakara and Udyogmandal canals (37 km) and Kochi-Allapuzha stretch (60 km). Capital dredging to maintain depth of 2 m in Allapuzha-Kollam (108 km) stretch is in progress.